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Photoshop ethics questioned

Retouching software still the standard in spite of growing criticism

By BAILEY NICHOLSON

Natural beauty is not in the curriculum for Langara College photography students, despite the growing demand for unedited fashion images.

The ethics of photo retouching are being questioned through the #LessIsMore petition initiated by Raw, an organization focused on building self-confidence in women and girls. The petition demands a reduction in Photoshop use on models by major fashion magazines.

Eric Stewart has been teaching photography at Langara for six years, including retouching classes. To prepare his class for the fashion industry, he said he asks them to use Photoshop to a degree that can make people uncomfortable. “I basically say in class, I’m going to offend some people with how far I want you to take it,” he said.

Stewart said that images produced in his classes aren’t shown to the public due to the negative reaction they would receive. Alterations made can be as minor as erasing blemishes or bags under the eyes, but can also stretch far beyond that.

“We do things like elongate the neck, raise the head, add more hair, thin the jowls... we often re-do lips completely,” he said. “Sometimes we replace entire skin... it’s almost like illustration.”

Lanaya Flavelle is a recent graduate of Langara’s Continuing Studies photography program. She said her feelings towards retouching have changed since she finished school and began photographing women of all sizes, ages, and ethnicities.

According to Flavelle, it was these images that, as a whole, negatively impacted her views of beauty and her self-esteem growing up. “I don’t want my photos to make people feel like that,” she said.

“There’s a lot of new photographers not confident in their skills yet and feel like they need to make up for it in post-production. I say: refine your skills and be as good as you can be before Photoshop.”

This image of Ruby Roxx was lightened, colour corrected, retouched for hair flyaways and minor blemishes among other things in Photoshop by Lanaya Flavelle.

LANAYA FLAVELLE
submitted photo



STARS in the raw

1

Beyoncé’s unretouched photos caused a stir over her visible pores

2

Cindy Crawford’s leaked photo threw her stretch marks in the spotlight

3

Website Jezebel paid \$10,000 for unretouched Vogue photos of actress Lena Dunham

LFA strike vote soon

New collective agreement between college and faculty being negotiated in March

By OWEN MUNRO

The Langara Faculty Association and Langara College are returning to the bargaining table the week of March 9 to negotiate salaries and working conditions.

At a general membership meeting Feb. 25, faculty decided that a strike vote should take place in the near future.

Faculty have been without a contract since March 31, 2014.

LFA president Lynn Carter said it’s critical to reach a deal as faculty are currently working under the terms and conditions of the old collective agreement.

“Everything is expensive here, housing is expensive, food is expensive,” Carter said. “They [Langara College] like to scream poverty, they can’t afford anything, and we’re used to that every time we go to the table.”

Dawn Palmer, associate vice-president of human resources, acknowledged that the College and the LFA have exchanged proposals, but she declined to comment on the specifics of the negotiations.

“We look forward to negotiating a new collective agreement that will benefit both LFA members and Langara as a whole,” said Palmer.

Members of CUPE Local 15 are also bargaining with Langara College on behalf of the support staff.

Carter said with increasingly more international students attending Langara, there needs to be additional support staff to facilitate learning.



LYNN CARTER
Langara Faculty Association president

Employers say graduates lacking key skills

Recent report cites critical thinking and problem solving as weakest areas

By JAMES SMITH

Many post-secondary graduates lack some of the basic skills employers are seeking, concluded an independent report released Feb. 5.

The Conference Board of Canada conducted the survey because skills gaps cost the province’s economy billions of dollars.

The report said the majority of the 854 B.C. employers surveyed were hesitant to hire recent graduates because

they often lack “key essential skills” found in more experienced candidates, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, oral communication, and the ability to work with others.

Titled, *Skills for Success: Developing Skills for a Prosperous B.C.*, the report was jointly commissioned by BC Colleges and the BC Association of Institutes and Universities to determine the “skills, occupations, and credentials employers require to meet current and future needs.” It identified several shortcomings common to recent post-secondary graduates, regardless of their areas of study.

The report recommends governments, educators, and employers work

together to provide individuals with more “experiential learning” opportunities to address these gaps.

Lane Trotter, Langara president and CEO, said the college “offers co-operative education, clinical placements, internships, field studies, and other forms of experiential learning that integrate theory with practice to better prepare the learner for employment.”

“Langara also offers career programs designed to provide students with the skills necessary to enter the work force,” Trotter said. “These programs have program advisory committees composed of industry representatives who provide feedback to the College on the needs of employers.”



JAMES SMITH photo

Students at Langara have access to co-op programs.





DUSTIN GODFREY photo
Marge Yarwood (left) and Xiomara Hurtado of Tivoli Gardens complain that the Vancouver Police Department responded poorly to the vandalism after tires were slashed on a number of cars in the parking lot over the Valentine's Day weekend.

The slasher strikes again

Community self-patrols neighbourhood to deter future vandalism

“Often the best way to prevent crime in a community is to know your neighbours and keep an eye on each other

BRIAN MONTAGUE
VPD media spokesperson

By DUSTIN GODFREY

Residents of Tivoli Gardens housing development in Champlain Heights have been patrolling their community at night after more than a dozen vehicles had their tires slashed over the Valentine's Day weekend. They are frustrated with what they say is a frequently occurring case of property crime in their neighbourhood. There was a similar incident last December. Some of the residents are waiting to take a course through the Vancouver Police Department in order to organize an official community patrol. Marge Yarwood, however, is among a group that has already begun walking through the premises at night. “We walk around late at night, and check to make sure there's nothing done,” said Yarwood.

Xiomara Hurtado said they also discussed pooling money to implement better lighting and security cameras, but have yet to meet with management. The initiatives come after what some residents have described as a poor reaction from the VPD. “It took the media,” said Hurtado. “It went on the news, then they came.” Yarwood said she hadn't noticed an increase in police patrols and questioned their effectiveness. “They've been driving around here, but the thing is that they're driving around during the day,” said Yarwood. Hurtado said a daytime patrol would not protect against property crime, which usually happens during the night. “We don't need it during the day,” said Hurtado. “There are a lot of people outside during the daytime.” Const. Brian Montague, VPD media spokesperson, said they increase pa-

trols for areas that see more crime, but did not specify whether Tivoli Gardens would get that increase. “We encourage people to join Block Watch,” said Montague. “Often the best way to prevent crime in a community is to know your neighbours and keep an eye on each other.” Although residents all want to see justice, some have doubts as to what the police can do for instances of property crime. Resident Norine Chubb said, “This sort of crime is hard to find accountability.” She said this is especially true when more than 150 tires were slashed in North Vancouver on the same weekend. Melanie Nand uses crutches and relies on her vehicle. Her tires were slashed on the property in December. She said the best thing the police can do now is patrol.

YMCA home now reality

Now that the Pearson Dogwood lands redevelopment is moving forward, so will the YMCA

By ANNA DIMOFF

The Langara Family YMCA will have a new home about eight blocks away as part of the redevelopment of the Pearson Dogwood lands at 57 Avenue and Cambie Street. Vancouver Coastal Health recently announced that it will be partnering with real estate developer Onni Group to develop the 25-acre property. According to Gavin Wilson, the director of public affairs at VCH, they are working together to produce a rezoning proposal to present to the city, which he predicts to be completed in a year. “It could be 2017 before we see any construction begin on the site,” he said. The new location won't be as convenient for Langara College students, but the it will still be easily accessible. “There was [a Canada Line station] originally planned for that intersection,” said Wilson. “That will be completed as this development moves forward as well.” The students and faculty of Langara's athletic department do not appear concerned about losing the facility next door. Mike Evans, head coach of the women's basketball team, said he sees the convenience in having a space to lift weights and train for the athletes in their spare time, but says YMCA's move won't affect the team's schedule. “We do everything here. We practice and play here. We don't really use the facility that much,” he said. “It doesn't affect me too much, I can go to other gyms,” said Jaspreet Dhillon, a kinesiology student at Langara who doesn't mind travelling farther to train. He cited Hillcrest and Sunset community centres, or the Steve Nash Fitness World & Sports Club near his house in Richmond, as other options. It is unclear when the facility on West 49 Avenue and Alberta Street will close to the public. Kelly Walker, manager of communications for the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, could not be reached for comment.

Three Transit Centre plans presented

Residents are skeptical about their role in the community consultation process for site rezoning

By KELVIN GAWLEY

Residents of the Oakridge neighbourhood are being asked to contribute their thoughts on new development proposals for the Oakridge Transit Centre. The site is a bus maintenance lot situated on 13.8 acres – nearly seven football fields – located between 41 Avenue and 38 Avenue. Most of the centre's operations have moved to new sites in recent years and TransLink plans to shut it down entirely in the near future. The city is in the process of developing a policy statement which will provide “a framework for a future rezon-

ing application,” according to Susan Haid, assistant director of planning and development services for Vancouver-South. The city has hosted a series of open houses at the VanDusen Botanical Garden visitor centre in June and February where members of the public saw different development concepts for the site – various configurations of retail, housing and park space – and provided feedback by filling out comment cards. The final open house took place Feb. 16, although members of the public can still review the information and submit comments on the city's website until March 14. “The community consultation and engagement process is really important in developing the policy statement,” Haid said. “We are listening very closely.” Tracey Moir, a member of the Oakridge Langara Area Residents – a

group that vocally opposed residential towers planned for Oakridge Centre – said that it is too early to tell if residents' concerns will be heard. “Based on previous processes, it's vacant consultation,” she said, referring to the Oakridge Centre rezoning. The height discrepancy (nearly 20 storeys) between the 2007 policy statement and the one that was approved by council seven years later caused a neighbourhood outcry. Moir said her chief concern is a lack of infrastructure to support an increase in population density. She said she is concerned that there will not be adequate bus service when new people move into the area. “We do traffic studies and we do assess the impact of potential developments that would increase the potential ridership,” said Derrick Cheung, TransLink's vice president of sourcing and real estate.

JOIN the debate

OAKRIDGE TRANSIT CENTRE
Take part in the community consultation process
SHARE YOUR COMMENTS
Concerned residents can submit comments about the Transit Centre redevelopment at the city's website until March 14, 2015
vancouver.ca



KELVIN GAWLEY photo
Tracey Moir stands next to one of the development concepts proposed for the Transit Centre site.



JAMES SMITH photo

The new building will be “iconic” for Langara, said manager of building operations and major construction projects Graham Smith

Green building coming along

Langara’s science and technology building is progressing nicely

By JAMES SMITH

Though construction of Langara College’s new science and technology building may seem slow to some Langara students, one architect says it’s normal for projects of this type.

Graham Smith, architect and manager of building operations and major construction projects at Langara said the “green” technology of the building adds to the slowness as well as “structural complexity.”

The building is not going to be traditionally box-shaped, and is going to have a lot of diagonal and prismatic shapes that Smith said are meant to challenge students “to think literally outside the box.”

Work at the site began in fall 2013. Like the library and Langara Students’ Union building, the facility will be LEED gold certified, Smith said.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and



GRAHAM SMITH
Manager of building operations and major construction projects at Langara

Environmental Design, is a system for rating a structure’s environmental impact and energy efficiency. The Canada Green Building Council administers LEED certification.

Though it is on time, some students at Langara said that they felt the building’s construction has been taking a long time.

Mathematics student Aaron Pasion said that in comparison to construction elsewhere in the city, work on the new building has been “too slow.”

Smith said that if the building was stripped of all the green technology, it might take slightly less long to build,

but not significantly less.

Langara business student Neha Gaba said she hasn’t kept track of the building’s progress but observed that “it was going much slower than it is now.”

Advances in green technology since the library and LSU buildings were completed in 2009 will allow the new building to outperform them both, Smith said, noting that government policies forcing developers to adopt LEED standards has helped encourage progress.

“There’s been a steep learning curve and it’s still happening,” Smith said. “We’ve been in a learning curve for maybe 10 or 15 years.”

Langara’s website says the new building is the second phase of Langara’s 25-year master plan to expand its campus. The science and technology building is scheduled for completion April 2016 with students occupying the building in September of that year.

LEED BUILDINGS

- UBC Earth Sciences Building
- UBC Life Sciences Centre
- Kwantlen’s Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design
- UBC’s Center for Interactive Research on Sustainability
- Telus Garden, Vancouver

Source: www.huffingtonpost.ca

Gender-neutral loos get support

Langara students want to see more gender-neutral toilets at the college to support transgender students

By SARA RABEY

In light of Simon Fraser University’s so-called “shit-in” protest, some Langara College students said they believe more gender-neutral washrooms would make using the washroom more comfortable for everyone.

On Feb. 18, the event at SFU had students occupy some of the men’s washrooms. They were protesting not only for gender-neutral washrooms but also in hopes of bringing awareness to the way society segregates and identifies people based on gender and give a voice to the transgender community.

Theron Meyer, a trans-feminine student at SFU, said there is a need to get rid of the binary system of female and male signs and just have a sign that simply says “washroom” in order to be neutral.

“You don’t go there to be a woman or a man, you go there to use the washroom,” Meyer said. “Even the washrooms that are being bantered as gender neutral are not neutral. You can’t say they’re neutral if they have a man or a woman on it. That’s not neutral, that’s very specific actually.”

Benjamin Friesen, the sexuality and gender diversity advisor at Langara, said there are currently a few single stall washroom “usable by all genders” on campus, but said they don’t have “gender neutral signage yet, but that is in the works.”

Friesen said he would like to see one of the women’s washrooms in Building B converted into a multi-stall, gender-neutral washroom, similar to the ones at the University of Victoria.

Langara first-year general studies student Tatum MacLean said she thinks it’s important to have more gender-neutral washrooms.

“I think there are a lot of misconceptions on gender,” she said.

Friesen said that in the washroom at UVic, there’s also a divided area with men’s urinals.

“I used it myself and I was so excited,” Friesen said. “There were girls in there and there were guys in there and there was no issue at all.”



TATUM MACLEAN
General studies student

“I think there are a lot of misconceptions on gender”

Educational events might encourage student vote

As many students aren’t ready to vote, some Langara students say informational events might help

By JULIA WICKHAM

With only around 39 per cent of 18-24 year olds voting in the last federal election, voter apathy is an issue among young adults.

Last week Langara’s International Socialists club held a meeting focused on “How do we dump Harper?” in regards to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The meeting involved a discussion on ways that Canadians can ditch the Conservative Party of Canada, focusing on Harper.

“We can dump Harper by fighting against the policies that he represents,” said Langara physics and as-

tronomy instructor Bradley Hughes during a speech at the meeting.

Arts and sciences student Rosi Hunter, who is a member of the International Socialists, said she believes students have a hard time participating in a system that they have no knowledge of.

“I think the problem is that they don’t have an opinion,” Hunter said. “Personally, I think an introductory political science course should be mandatory at the high school level.”

Chelsea Riva, an English student at Langara, said she hasn’t informed herself because politics didn’t matter to her up until now.

“Now that I’m of voting age and it’s before elections, I will probably do more research,” she said.

Riva said she thinks that a good way to get students more involved in politics is for student clubs to hold meetings or events that showcase issues that affect them.



JULIA WICKHAM photo

Bradley Hughes leads the International Socialists club meeting last week to discuss ways to “dump Harper”

CORRECTION

Last week, *The Voice* incorrectly reported that most students who seek-counselling have a history with bullying. In fact, Michele Bowers, chair of Langara’s counselling department, stated that students seeking counselling for bullying specifically have a history with bullying — not those seeking-counselling in general.

Anime evokes larger issues

Langara English department hosting a discussion on animated films

By BRYAN MC GOVERN

English instructors and students will engross themselves in Japanese anime and its current popularity at the next English Forum panel.

Continuing its monthly panel event on culture and media, the English Forum at Langara College will engage students with a group discussion on the “mainstreaming of anime” on Feb. 26. Anime is a Japanese animation style, characterized by colourful graphics.

Megan Otton, an English instructor at Langara, will lead the discussion. She said she wanted to back away from classics like the work of Hayao Miyazaki and instead focus on “great but less popular anime shows like *Samurai Champloo* and *Attack on Titan*.”

According to Otton, anime has reached viewers worldwide with its broad genres and themes.

“Anime makes you think about big issues like the end of the world,” she said.

Kina Cavicchioli, an English instructor at Langara, said that between 10 and 15 students attend the free forums, which give the discussions an intimate feel.

Wren Go, Langara Anime Otaku Club leader, said the biggest attraction of anime is escapism. “It’s a very free medium, anything can happen [in it].”

Go doesn’t shy away from the fact that escapism can be achieved through other media like books, but said western media is opposite of anime. The difference between anime and western entertainment is in their cultural philosophies, according to Go.

“North America is all about individualism and Japan is all about community,” Go said.

Ottom said she hopes the forum will inspire students to consider enrolling in alternative courses offered by the English department, including the anime film course scheduled for Fall 2015.

“We would love for students to take courses that inspire them and make them enthusiastic about literature and film. We’re enthusiastic about it and we love to share that,” Otton said.

Anime makes you think about big issues like the end of the world.

MEGAN OTTON

LANGARA ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR



Left: A tour led by a youth volunteer at the exhibit at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

Right top and bottom: Panels displayed at the exhibit will be showcased at the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House.



XIAO XU photos

Anne Frank exhibit fights racism

Touring Holocaust expo engages youths in Vancouver community

By XIAO XU

The Anne Frank House’s world-wide exhibition is being showcased in South Vancouver.

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House will be hosting the *Anne Frank—A History for Today* exhibition between March 7 and 31. It will feature excerpts from Anne Frank’s wartime diary displayed on 34 large-scale panels. The exhibition is aimed at informing people about the Holocaust.

Karen Larcombe, executive director of South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, said the exhibition’s purpose is to inspire students and other community members with Anne Frank’s story and also highlight the existence of racism in present day society.

“It’s to draw attention to some of the

issues that are still relevant today [like] discriminations and oppressions that people from minority groups experience,” she said.

The exhibition will also offer free tours, with trained youth volunteers to guide the audience.

Vanessa Bui, youth community developer at PeerNetBC, another local organizer of the event, said youth volunteers were genuinely interested in Anne Frank’s stories and social justice.

“It’s good to have them be the one connecting with the community members,” Bui said.

To make the event intergenerational, they’re also recruiting senior volunteers, she added.

Along with South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, Frog Hol-

low Neighbourhood House and Collingwood Neighbourhood House will also hold the travelling exhibition. The exhibition began on Feb. 17 at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

Jocelyne Hamel, executive director of Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, said she sees the four members’ participation in the event as a great opportunity to help advance neighborhood house movement, and show their social justice values to the community.

“A lot of their work is doing things around bringing awareness surrounding justice [and] racism,” Hamel said.

“This particular exhibition really highlights something that happened in history, and it gives us an opportunity for young people to know about it.”

LOCAL venues

- 1 Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House: Feb. 16 - Mar. 6
- 2 South Vancouver Neighbourhood House: Mar. 7 - Mar. 31
- 3 Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House: May 2 - May 31
- 4 Collingwood Neighbourhood House: June 2 - June 19

Source: PeerNetBC

Langara bee film a buzz

Local beehive documentary by grad featured at Salt Spring Film Festival

By REBECCA PHAIR

Local filmmaker and Langara College grad Mathew Parry’s *Hives for Humanity: The Power of Bees* will screen at the Salt Spring Film Festival.

The festival will take place at Salt Spring Island between March 6 and 8. It will feature 40 selected films from Canada and around the world, that explore different topics ranging from arts to First Nations to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and social justice.

Parry earned his certificate in documentary film production from Langara College in 2013, at which point *Hives for Humanity* was already underway.

Shortly after he finished the project, *Hives for Humanity* screened at Langara in spring of 2013.

“[The film] turned out to be a raging success,” Parry said. The film explores Julia Common’s efforts as she introduced a sense of worth and purpose to an entire community by setting up a beehive in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. Her aim was to bring people together with the task of maintaining a healthy hive.

According to Parry, Common’s daughter, Sarah Common, suggested to place a hive in the community garden. Although Common was skeptical at first, she now has 75 hives around Vancouver that bring communities together.

Hives for Humanity will screen on March 7 and 8, and Parry will be attending. The film will also feature at Langara between March 20 and 22.



Left: Julia Common tending to a frame of bees.

Right: A bee keeping workshop in the community garden.



Photos courtesy of MATHEW PARRY

Turn off phones, study!

Staying away from electronics may just be what all students need to excel

By ALEXANDER HOEGLER

With midterms quickly approaching, many Langara College students said technology is to blame for their procrastination and lack of studying.

February is a stressful month for a lot of students. Many said cell phones, television and computers distract them while others said technology aids in their study routines.

Trevor Newland, an English instructor at Langara, has observed the effects of how technology can interfere with studying. He said it is critical for students to avoid electronics while hitting the books.

“Unless you turn your phone or computer off, you’re not reaching your full potential as a student.”

TREVOR NEWLAND
LANGARA ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

First-year kinesiology student Emily Ip, who is wrapping up her third mid-term in two weeks, said studying is time-consuming but important.

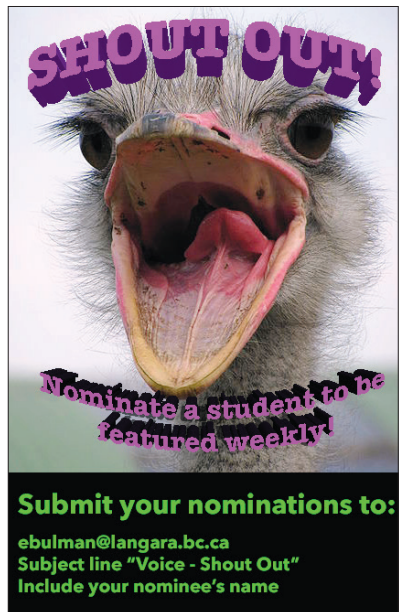
“When I’m not studying, each night I have three 15-minute breaks, and study around four to five hours a night,” she said.

Ip, who studies both at home and in the library at Langara, said she uses her cell phone to help her study.

“I use an app on my phone called Flashcards,” she said, which represents a virtual flashcard. It allows users to put questions on one side and by tapping the phone, reveal the answer on the back.

Sean Maschmann, a history instructor at Langara, knows how to ensure his students get the most out of studying.

He said he believes plenty of quiet is needed for quality study time.



SHOUT OUT!

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Subject line “Voice - Shout Out”
Include your nominee’s name



MICHAEL LYLK photo

Political science student Joshua Kier produced his winning entry to Langara’s Postcard Story Contest this year through his inspiring travels in Berlin, Germany.

Winning with art



Every week, The Voice will be showcasing a Langara student who stands apart and inspires both college and community. Well done!

By MICHAEL LYLK

Time spent in Berlin, Germany inspired a Langara College student to create a project that won him first place in the college’s 2014 Postcard Story Contest.

The contest involved candidates submitting a 250-word short story along with a postcard-sized photo. The winning piece, by political science student Joshua Kier, is titled “Ampelmannchen”, which is a German phrase meaning little traffic light man. It refers to old traffic lights in former East Germany depicting a male figure with a hat.

“It was one of the few artefacts that was left over, because the residents couldn’t stand the thought of having it torn down,” Kier said. As most institutions of the communist government were done away with, it was a symbol that still manages to stand at different intersections around East Berlin.

“It’s a very accurate portrayal,” said Guy Wilkinson, an English instructor and one of the judges for the competition. Wilkinson, who has been to Berlin himself, said he felt that Kier’s story

was authentic.

“It’s a story written by a person who seems to have the ability to connect with a place very well,” he said.

Kier said he approached this project similarly to how he approaches most of his work.

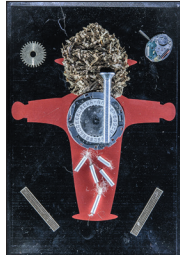
“I created a collage, physically on the floor of my room, and then I used a camera. Lifted the shutter exposing the sensor to whatever light came in and I used a flashlight to illuminate the image,” said Kier, who uses the flashlight to literally paint with light. It all comes together to create a scene, emotion, or political statement.

Kier then uses computer software Adobe Photoshop Lightroom to punch out certain colours and increase clarity.

He said that one thing he tries to achieve through much of his photography is to create an image that could be put in a graphic novel.

Despite his major in political science, he said art and photography are ongoing projects for him.

“If there’s any time that’s made available to me I would use it to produce more photographs,” he said.



POSTCARD excerpt

It’s a miserable sight, made all the worse by the corrugated tapestry of the sign itself. Picture: vermillion ink dancing upon a landscape of orange and oxidized metal; toxic watercolours and Cold War hieroglyphs. I, during moments of poisonous nostalgia for Communist-era artifacts, have made pilgrimage to this soiled banner to collect my thoughts and purge my boredom.

Source: English department, Langara College

Wet skies bring hair frizz woes

Early spring weather may mean more problems for those with untamed hair

By BAILEY NICHOLSON

With spring showers quickly approaching, Langara College students with frizzy hair can fight back with more than just an umbrella this year.

Rain and humidity in the upcoming months for Vancouver will be working against those who battle out-of-control hair on a regular basis.

Langara film arts student Michela Ross said she’s not a fan of what the rain does to her hair.

“If it’s raining or wet I just try to cover my head with anything I can,” she said. “If I don’t have a hood I’ll put a book on my head and just hold it there because as soon as any water touches it at all, it just starts puffing out.”

“Frizzy hair is probably one of the things people hate most about their hair,” said Dale Ewing, who has been a hairstylist in Vancouver for seven years. He offers potential solutions for people who dread the effects of rainy weather on curly locks.

Use styling products, including leave-in conditioners and anti-humidity sprays that work to block moisture from the hair, he said.

The Weather Channel has also increased its use of digital data to target advertising. For example, a rainy day in Seattle means more anti-frizz shampoo ads for viewers in that region.

Winnie Tosetti, a Langara fine arts student, finds rainy-day hair hard to escape.

“It makes [my hair] super flat and kind of gross-looking,” she said. “There’s nothing really you can do, humidity is everywhere.”



Biology student Eli Kaplan has out of control hair no matter the weather.

BAILEY NICHOLSON photo



BAILEY NICHOLSON photo

Sciences student Genevieve Caron (left) and recreational leadership student Josie Pearce (right) are no strangers to wild hair.

Let's flush out gender intolerance

While the idea of different washroom signage might not seem revolutionary, for students who don't identify with the traditional male - female gender binary, it represents a leap forward in the battle to stop discrimination, harassment and violence against the LGBTQ community. SFU staged a



OPINION
ANNA DIMOFF

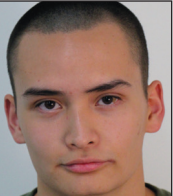
“shit-in” protest this month where people dropped their drawers in public to raise awareness on the topic of gender-neutral washrooms. Some colleges in B.C. are trying to accommodate the demand for these types of facilities. Langara College already has three single-stall gender-neutral washrooms— a good sign that the needs of our LGBTQ students are being recognized. There's even a plan to include more in the future, igniting a spark of hope that we're headed toward a more inclusive way of living. But not all students are receptive to the idea and some find the idea of

multi-stall gender-neutral washrooms hard to accept. For those who have a phobia of flatulence in the presence of the opposite sex, there are still plenty of traditional facilities. The Vancouver School Board has taken a step in the right direction and is adopting a policy allowing transgender and cisgender students to choose which bathroom to use. Sadly, when it was originally proposed the policy met some opposition from school board trustees. In a city as diverse and open-minded as Vancouver it's disappointing to see discrimination

coming from the people in charge of these decisions. But, in a stand for inclusivity and equality, the two opposing trustee members were officially removed from the Non-Partisan Association. The concerns of these former NPA members, which centered around their perception about the policy's possibly negative impact on property values and international student enrolment, shows just how distorted their priorities are. This was the right way to deal such intolerance. Acceptance of at-risk youth, and their safety, is what's most important, not property values.

Talking about Photoshop

Photoshop is here to stay, but its overuse in magazines is a disturbing trend that imposes incredible pressures on young women to look like the models they see in magazines. In the 25 years since its release, Adobe Photoshop has revolutionized how we define beauty. The fact that it's used to fundamentally change how women look represents larger



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problems about how our society sees beauty and perfection as the same thing. Magazines edit cracked lips or pores, or alter hips and legs to incredibly unrealistic levels. The beautifying of models has become so prolific that the real models themselves can't even compare to their altered images. The vicious cycle in which women have their insecurities preyed upon by magazines must stop. Some might argue that the use of photo editing software is only a reaction to consumer demand. They say that if magazines wouldn't sell if they didn't contain beautified images. This is not true. People are crying out to see real women in magazines and not modified caricatures of beauty — and it's the consumer who has the power to bring about this change. Ultimately, Photoshop is only a program. If we are to relieve our young women of unrealistic beauty standards, the first step is redefining our own understanding of beauty. Instead of asking women the impossible, let's accept them as they are. Now that's a beautiful thing.



MICHAEL LYLK and ANNA DIMOFF comic

Sustainable building, make it so

Langara's new \$50 million dollar science and technology building — which some have compared to a Borg cube — is on warp speed towards its 2016 completion date! It might seem to be taking forever, but environmentally sound buildings just take longer to build. Besides, resistance is futile! As a *Star Trek* fan myself I can't help but get behind anything futuristic. Keeping with the *Star Trek* metaphor, this building will make our campus as beautifully futuristic as Starfleet Headquarters. Some people might complain that



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construction is an inconvenience, that it limits access to campus or makes it hard to find parking. But Starfleet wasn't built in a day. Pretty much every new wave of architecture has met with some opposition. I'm sure the Enterprise-D, arguably the best of all the *Star Trek* ships, took just as long to build. With his full head of hair, president and CEO Lane Trotter is our on-campus version of Captain Jean-Luc Picard. And he has high standards for us. Remember when the Enterprise birthed its own intelligent life form? Colleges are meant to do the same thing, so this building is bound to be just as fantastic as the Enterprise. And besides didn't Captain Picard and the Enterprise triumph over the Borg? There's a lesson in that somewhere.

As a leading undergraduate institution, Langara College is duty bound to explore new worlds of advanced construction. Trotter, our fearless leader, is showing the same Picard-esque grit by taking our college into the future. Remember crying tears of joy with Data after he found his cat alive in the wreckage of the crashed Enterprise? When it's finished, the science and technology building will make us feel that good. This ship, err building, will only enhance Langara's essential humanity. People will always complain, but it's a good thing that Langara wants our campus to be beautiful, inspiring and environmentally green. I want to get on board — set phasers to stunning and maximim warp to green construction!

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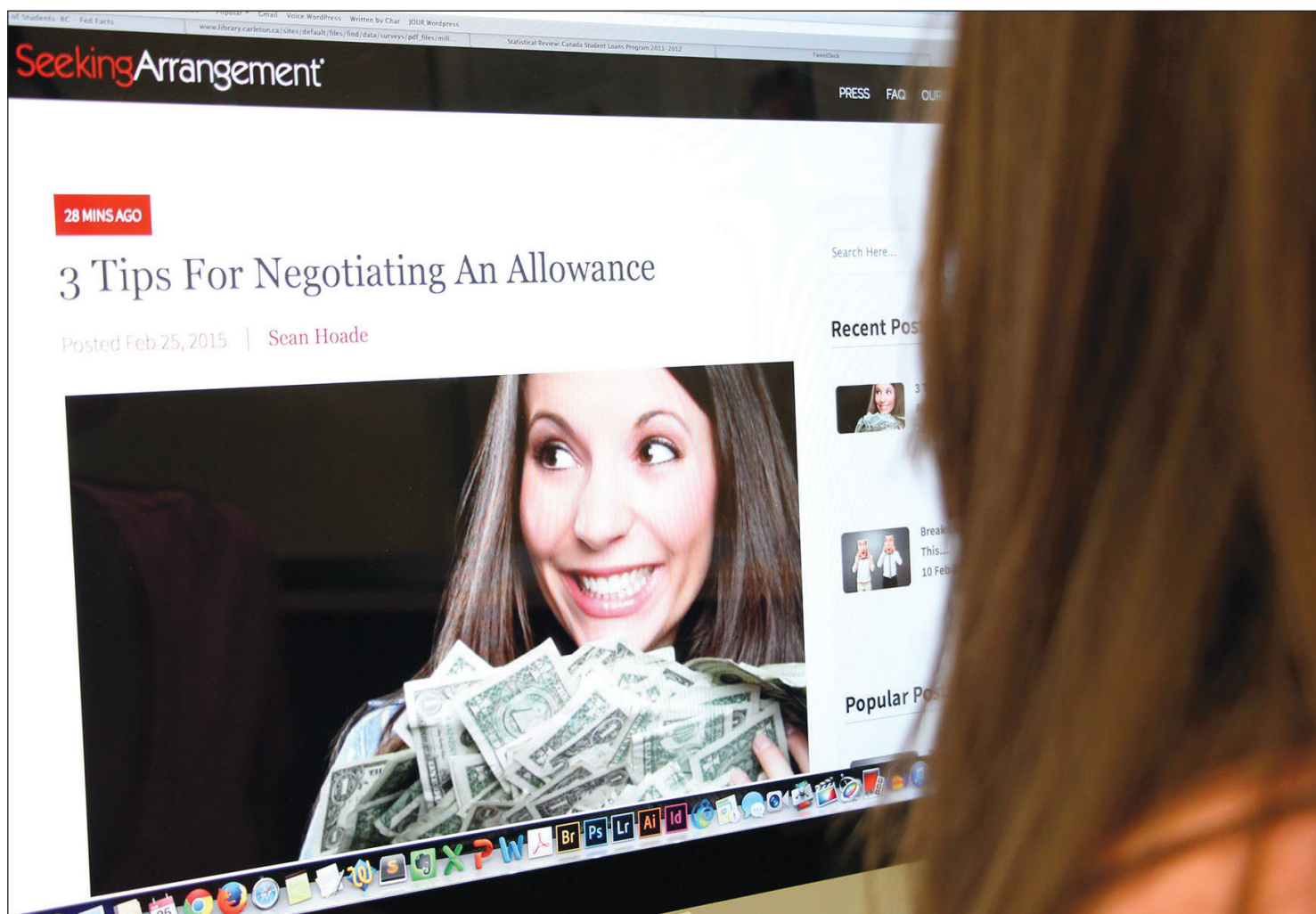
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Student debt can't buy happiness

Navigating loans and minimum wage work is a constant struggle for many students



CHARLOTTE DREWETT photo

A photo illustration of a student on SeekingArrangement.com where “sugar babies” can potentially get a weekly allowance of \$3,000.

Minimum wage doesn't cover tuition anymore

Student loans and credit lines are increasingly needed to pay for school

By ETHAN REYES

A study conducted by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives has determined that students must work more than twice the hours their parents did to afford university.

Research shows that on average, students today have to work 491 hours at a minimum wage job for every year of enrolment, much more than the 175 hours required in 1975. Zachary Crispin, chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia, attributes this increase to a constantly shifting political landscape.

“At this point, tuition fees have never been higher,” said Crispin, who went on to say that today, 75 per cent of jobs created require post-secondary education, whereas 40 years ago it wasn’t necessary to attend university to earn a living wage.

First-year dietetics student Emma Baskind worked for a year before coming to study at Langara College. Baskind earned most of her tuition while working full-time at a Subway restaurant. She said her aunt promised to help pay for some of her tuition and she plans to pay for the rest by continuing to work part-time.

Twenty-year-old Clint Samuels’ family are establishing a bed and breakfast in Pemberton and are unable to support him. Samuels paid for his first year at Langara by working for 16 months in northern Alberta, but had to establish a credit line after an unsuccessful application for a student loan. Between tuition and living expenses, Samuels owes \$14,000 on his credit line. The social sciences student remains hopeful that change is possible.

“At the end of the day 15 million people saying ‘we’re screwed.’ Well those 15 million can make a difference,” Samuels said.

Crispin said that students looking to change the state of education should get involved with a labour union, or a social-economic justice organization. The student chairperson believes that the problem has less to do with student apathy, than political representation.

“[Students have] nobody out there who will speak for them.”

Sugar daddies cover student debt

CANADA top sugar

UNIVERSITIES WITH FASTEST-GROWING MEMBERSHIP ON SEEKINGARRANGEMENT.COM

- 1 University of Toronto
- 2 McGill University
- 3 University of Saskatchewan
- 4 University of British Columbia
- 5 MacEwan University

Source: SeekingArrangement.com

From princess parties to hip-hop shows, students find ways to make money

By TANYA COMMISSO

With college tuition fees on the rise students are looking for innovative ways to avoid debt.

According to statistics released by online sugar daddy site SeekingArrangement.com, nearly one million students joined the dating site in 2014 as “sugar babies,” with a 42 per cent increase in student membership from the previous year.

There are currently 67 students signed onto the site using a Langara College email address, according to Brook Urick, public relations manager for SeekingArrangement.

“As the site grew, we noticed a lot of

the girls who were joining as sugar babies are college students,” Urick said. “They’re ambitious and goal-oriented, and they’re trying to better their lives, and they’re looking for a boyfriend who can help them do that.”

The site states that college sugar babies receive an average allowance of \$3,000 per month from their sugar daddies, which could be used to help pay student debt — an idea Caitlin Tohill, financial debt consultant and self-proclaimed Vancouver “debt diva,” said women need to consider carefully.

“The question to ask one’s self is, ‘do I regard myself as a commodity or am I much more?’” Tohill said. “If I decide to view myself as a commodity, what does that mean in the context of my sex life and how I relate to sex partners and intimate relationships?”

When not opting for a sugar daddy, Langara students are still facing the reality of substantial student debt,

looking beyond traditional part-time work to make money.

Claire Robertson, general arts student at Langara, says she has a lot of student debt, but isn’t too worried about it. At 22, she is the founder and general manager of Crowned Princess Entertainment, an event planning company that puts on princess-themed parties for children.

“I get pretty crafty with how my money comes in,” said Eyren Uggenti, fourth-year marketing management student at Langara, who will get friends to front him money for his hip-hop shows to generate revenue.

“It’s all about working on being creative and intuitive to stay ahead.”



CLAIRE ROBERTSON
Langara general arts student

Post-grad aspirations take back seat

Loans to cover tuition make students rethink their financial priorities

By REBECCA PHAIR

Langara College students will face major financial decisions after graduation and in many cases the need to pay off debt will take priority over dreams of travelling or saving for a family.

With student debt on the rise in Canada, some graduates struggle to begin a financially comfortable adult life. In B.C. alone students borrowed over \$50 million more in the 2011-12 academic year compared to five years before, as part of the Canada Student Loans Pro-

gram. It’s important for students to be money-savvy if they want to be financially successful said Scott Hannah president and CEO of Credit Counselling Society.

“The key to being debt-free and financially secure is a modest budget and having a plan,” Hannah said.

Graduates in a new career, making more money, are quick to adjust to their new financial freedom. With extra cash in the bank many students make the mistake of purchasing expensive items after they graduate. However, setting realistic goals can help offset the risk of increasing debt after graduation, Hannah said.

“If you think your student loans can be paid off in 10 years, try to do it in five or three years,” he said.

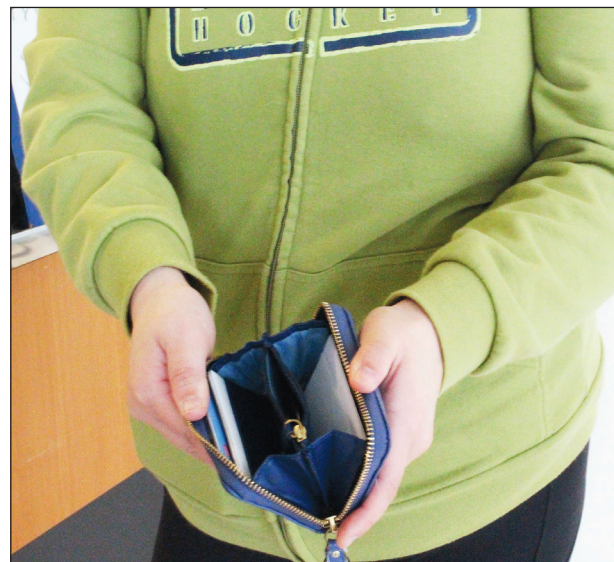
Loans aside, many Langara students have travel aspirations and other financial dreams but they also seem to have their priorities straight.

“Right now, I just want to move out,” said Langara student Celine Uy. “Long term, I’ll probably start saving for a family.”

Another Langara student, Ilan Wright, said he would travel to as many places as he could if he didn’t have to worry about debt.

“I’m starting to think about investing or saving for property,” Wright said.

Langara offers debt information seminars on campus held by the Credit Counselling Society. The next seminar is scheduled for March 25 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Students must RSVP to attend.



REBECCA PHAIR photo

Langara’s Celine Yu opens her empty wallet to show her student financial struggles.

Karate kid wants the world

Langara student John Sawal has his sights set on the World Juniors

By TONY SU

Langara criminal justice student, John Sawal will be training hard for the month of March to prepare himself for the Karate USA Open & Junior International Cup this coming April in Las Vegas, NV. The 18-year-old karate practitioner, or karateka, has placed in the top two in every competition he has participated in. Sawal captured a silver medal in both the individual male Seniors and Under 21 categories at the Karate Canada 2015 National Championships in Richmond last month. His team took home gold in both categories.

Following a strong display at the nationals in January, Sawal is looking to carry the momentum forward into future tournaments. Karate is not popular and lacks the funding it needs in Canada. In order to participate in tournaments, Sawal will have to personally raise the funds.

Fortunately for Sawal, the most recent tournament was held in Richmond and he was able to avoid travelling fees. However, he will have to pay his own way to Las Vegas in April. “I have to support myself for all these events,” Sawal said. He currently works at Canadian Tire.



TONY SU photo

Langara student John Sawal is training in hopes of competing on the world stage in November. His next tournament is in April in Las Vegas.

It will be important for Sawal to capture gold or silver in Las Vegas, as his goal is to represent Canada in November at the World Junior & Cadet and U21 Karate Championships in Indonesia. Only one person from Canada will be selected to go. “Karate BC has developed a point system, the athlete with the most [points] at the end of October gets to go to Jakarta,” Sawal said. Points are distributed and won throughout national tournaments. First place winners get 60 points and second place winners get 40 points. Sawal earned 40 points in January with his individual second place finish. Sawal has been practicing karate since the age of eight. His coach Nicole Poirier will be training him in preparation for the USA Open. He has an “attitude of a champion,” said Poirier, adding Sawal has a good chance of representing Canada at the World Juniors if he continues his strong performance. “He’s definitely in the top,” Poirier said. “Every year he’s shown improvements.”

KARATE 2015 events

- 1 PKF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**
MARCH 18 to 21
Toronto, ON
- 2 USA OPEN & JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP**
APRIL to 15
Las Vegas, NV
- 3 KARATE 1 YOUTH WORLD CUP**
JUNE 29 to JULY 5
Umag, Croatia
- 4 PAN AMERICAN GAMES**
JULY 23 to 25
Toronto, ON
- 5 PKF JUNIOR & CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS**
AUG. 24 to 30
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- 6 JUNIOR & CADET AND U21 WORLDS**
NOV. 12 to 15
Jakarta, Indonesia

Source: www.wkf.net

Attendance at Falcons games could use a boost

Langara fans’ loyalty is uncertain, but nothing a social media can’t help

By MONA BUTLER

Several factors come into play when it comes to the loyalty of Langara Falcons fans to their teams. What time and where the games are played and knowledge of the games play an important role in whether or not the games are well attended. Langara psychology student Jose Du has not been to a Falcons game before. “I don’t really hear about it that much and I’m usually busy with work and school,” he said. Du said that if the games were more heavily advertised on social media, he would most likely attend. According to Paul Eberhardt, the men’s basketball coach, Langara’s gym seats 120 people. “The gym is so small, it always feels like a sell out. It’s always loud,” he said. The men’s basketball team’s high attendance is due to the success it has had in the last few years, Eberhardt said. He said the team also has many loyal friends and parents who come out to cheer the players on.



PAUL EBERHARDT
Mens’ basketball head coach

However, the women’s basketball games tend to be less popular. Eberhardt said the lower attendance at the women’s games is mainly because of the earlier game time. Women’s soccer coach Ryan Birt said that soccer usually has low attendance with only a few friends, family and occasional alumni coming out to support the team. Birt does not see a preference for the men’s team over the women’s as with basketball when it comes to soccer because both teams share the same issue of playing their games off-campus. “I feel that the biggest stumbling block for our soccer teams getting bigger crowds is that we lack an on-campus field where students could easily access the games,” said Birt. “We play our games quite some distance from the campus, which creates a problem.”

“The gym is so small, it always feels like a sell out

Falcons’ Tally

MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Feb. 20	Feb. 20
Capilano 68 Langara 90	Capilano 80 Langara 59
Feb. 21	Feb. 21
Quest 87 Langara 101	Quest 82 Langara 54
W-L 16-3	W-L 2-17
Ranked: 2nd	Ranked: 8th
BADMINTON	
Ranked: 1st	

Cricket fever catches

One billion viewers tuned in to watch this year’s Cricket World Cup, making it the most viewed sports event ever

By JOCELYN ASPA

Cricket may not be the most popular sport to watch in Vancouver, but for many new and lifelong fans, cricket fever is thriving with this year’s Cricket World Cup. The International Cricket Council’s tournament began on Feb. 14 and runs to March 28. It is a hit in Vancouver’s South Asian community, whether people are flocking to restaurants to watch matches or watching at home with friends. According to local cricket enthusiast Adil Khan, cricket is the second most popular sport in the world after soccer. “Cricket is wildly popular in South Asia and has served as a political tool many times in the past,” Khan said. The match between India and Pakistan attracted over one billion viewers, beating out the Super Bowl, which typically draws around 110 million viewers. While cricket’s popularity in numbers is often overlooked, “once you understand it, you are in,” according to All India Sweets & Restaurant server, Sunny Dhiman. “Every ball, every second is back-

bone chilling,” he said. For the World Cup, Dhiman said he usually gets together with friends on weekends to watch matches. The same goes for Mark Stephenson, a new fan, who has watched most of this year’s games at home. Although he is not cheering for a specific country, he said watching the India vs Pakistan match opened his eyes to the game’s intensity. “Just watching the passion from the players and fans, you could really see the rivalry,” Stephenson said. “It would be nice for India to win [the World Cup] since there aren’t many sports where they are truly one of the best in the world.” House of Dosas on Kingsway offers a lively experience for cricket fans, but there is often a waiting list to get in on match nights. “We are one of the only restaurants that shows cricket 24/7,” said Sharvan Ramachandran, who sometimes helps out at House of Dosas, his family’s operated business. “When we don’t show cricket, we show hockey. But cricket is number one.”



JOCELYN ASPA photos

Sharvan Ramachandran chips in at his family’s restaurant, House of Dosas on Kingsway during the Cricket World Cup. Cricket enthusiasts may have to wait in line to watch the games at House of Dosas.